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SUBJECT: EXPORT CONTROLS AND TAXES

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1. MOROCCO MAINTAINS THE FOLLOWING EXPORT CONTROLS.

A. EXPORT TAXES COMPRISE CUSTOMS DUTIES OF 5 PERCENT AD VALOREM ON CERTAIN MINERALS, INCLUDING PHOSPHATES, 0.5 PERCENT STATISTICAL TAX AND STAMP TAX OF 1 PERCENT ON AMOUNT OF TWO TOERH EXPORT TAXES.

B. EXPORT LICENSES ARE REQUIRED FOR FEW ITEMS (NOTABLY FRESH AND CANNED FISH, GRAINS AND GRAIN FLOUR, VEGETABLE OILS, MOST MINERALS, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, EXPLOSIVES AND MUNITIONS, LEATHER GOODS AND JEWELRY).

- C. EXPORTS TO RHODESIA ARE COMPLETELY EMBARGOED.
- 2. MOROCCO HAS BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH ALGERIA AND TUNISIA, PLUS LITTLE-USED ACCORDS WITH NUMBER OF BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES. TRADE WITH EGYPT IS ALSO CONLIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DUCTED THROUGH CLEARING ACCOUNTS. PRINCIPAL BILATERAL PAYMENTS COVER TRADE WITH MOST COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

(BULGARIA, CHINA, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EAST GERMANY, HUNGARY, POLAND AND USSR). MOST IMPORTANT EXPORTS TO COMMUNIST NATIONS ARE PHOSPHATES AND SUPERPHOSPHATES, CITRUS FRUITS (MAINLY TO USSR) AND COBALT (TO CHINA). MAIN IMPORTS INCLUDE PETROLEUM AND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT (MOSTLY FROM USSR), TEA (FROM CHINA) AND SUGAR (FROM CUBA).

3. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES IN MOROCCAN EXPORT SYSTEM OVER LAST YEAR. NOR DO WE KNOW OF ANY PRODUCTS WHERE PRESSURE FOR NEW CONTROLS IS LIKELY. SINCE ABOVE IS COMPLETE LIST OF EXISTING CONTROLS, WE DO NOT PLANN FOLLOWUP AIRGRAM ON THIS SUBJECT. PARKER

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